

surface of the web to be treated or onto a surface that transfers the treating agent onto the surface of the web. The invention can also be applied to treating plate-like products instead of roll coaters or curtain coaters, for example.

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, delete the paragraph on line 10.

Page 2, before line 9, the paragraph beginning with "The purpose of", insert the following title:

#### --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 2, delete the two paragraphs from lines 18 to 22.

Page 4, before line 33, the paragraph beginning with "In the following", insert the following paragraph and title:

Other objects and features of the present invention will become apparent from the following detailed description considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings. It is to be understood, however, that the drawings are intended solely for purposes of illustration and not as a definition of the limits of the invention, for which reference should be made to the appended claims.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 5, before line 3, the paragraph beginning with "In Fig. 1," insert the following title:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTLY PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

Page 13, after line 12 (the last line), insert the following paragraph:

Thus, while there have been shown and described and pointed out fundamental novel features of the present invention as applied to a preferred embodiment thereof, it will be understood that various omissions and substitutions and changes in the form and details of the devices described and illustrated, and in their operation, and of the methods described may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the present invention. For example, it is expressly intended that all combinations of those elements and/or method steps which perform substantially the same function in substantially the same way to achieve the same results are within the scope of the invention. Substitutions of elements from one described embodiment to another are also fully intended and contemplated. It is also to be understood that the drawings are not necessarily drawn to scale but that they are merely conceptual in nature. It is the intention, therefore, to be limited only as indicated by the scope of the claims appended hereto.

Page 14, line 1, delete "CLAIMS" and insert therefor --What is claimed is:--.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 6-10 and 13-15 to read as follows:

6. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that, the nozzle plate (6) is moved in the transversal direction to the direction of movement of the moving surface, so that part of the